

San Diego Chorus

AUGUST 2008 • SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

FULL CHORUS ALL **Let us ask ourselves**

PAUSE - ONE, TWO • {RAISED HAND/CONE SPEAKERS WITH ANIMAL CALLS}

CHORUS A An inventory of successions
C An axis of place and time

SOLO KATIE *The skin is the first*

CHORUS A border
B The border between ourselves

FULL CHORUS ALL **And our surroundings**

CHORUS C Between inside
A and outside

FULL CHORUS ALL **Between**

SOLO OLIVIA *me*
NACHO *you*

FULL CHORUS ALL **Between you and me**

CHORUS A Side to side
B Front to back
C Face to face

SOLO KANE *Between feet and ground*
AWESTA *A line of approach*
SOPHIE *to and from*

FULL CHORUS ALL **Body and earth**

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FULL CHORUS ALL **Let us ask ourselves**

SOLO OLIVIA *An inventory*
MEG *An axis of location*
ELIZABETH *A location of names*
MOLLY *Names naming*

FULL CHORUS ALL **Names naming**

CHORUS B The species into groups

CHORUS B All of the fish
B All of the birds
B All of the animals
B All of the insects

SOLO ANN *I name to remember*
ELIZABETH *I shape these words*
ANN *To create form*
ELIZABETH *To be spoken*

CHORUS A,C A giant
B ear
A The origin of time
B Millions and billions of years
A The core
C The oldest rocks
B Originated in fire
A The core
B Liquid outside
C Solid inside
A Iron and nickel

FULL CHORUS ALL **The mantle**

SOLO KATIE *silicon*
SOPHIE *oxygen*
KANE *iron*
NACHO *magnesium*
AWESTA-MEG *Exquisite sound*

FULL CHORUS ALL **Exquisite sound**

PAUSE - ONE, TWO, THREE • (RAISED HAND/CONE SPEAKERS WITH ANIMAL CALLS)

CHORUS C The voice has changed
the Earth

FULL CHORUS ALL **A giant relocation**

CHORUS C Species into genus
A Genus into families
B Families into orders
A Orders into phyla
C Phyla into kingdoms

CHORUS B Kingdoms into domains
A Domains into life

FULL CHORUS ALL **The life of the world**

CHORUS C We are all animals

FULL CHORUS ALL **We are together**

CHORUS B We are the same
A We are oxygen

SOLO KATIE *nitrogen*
OLIVIA *Energy from below*
MEG *Energy from inside*

PAUSE - ONE • [RAISED HAND/CONE SPEAKERS WITH ANIMAL CALLS]

SOLO NACHO *My mother's face*
ELIZABETH *My father's hands*
AWESTA *A sacred text*
KANE *cloaked tree*
OLIVIA *My grandfather's nose*
ANN *My parent's parents*
MOLLY *A fragmentation of inheritance*

PAUSE - ONE, TWO • [RAISED HAND/CONE SPEAKERS WITH ANIMAL CALLS]


FULL CHORUS ALL **We are the threshold**

CHORUS A On the Pacific Ocean
B Where the sun sets
C In the United States
B North America
A between
Canada and Mexico
C French and Spanish

FULL CHORUS ALL **A giant airport of languages**

SOLO ANN *Korean*
AWESTA *Tagalog*
KATIE *Samoan*

SOLO	KANE	<i>Italian</i>
	ELIZABETH	<i>Somalian</i>
	MOLLY	<i>Lao</i>
	SOPHIE	<i>Africans</i>
	MEG	<i>Arabic</i>
	NACHO	<i>Farsi</i>
	ANN	<i>Burmese</i>
	OLIVIA	<i>German</i>
	AWESTA	<i>Swedish</i>
	SOPHIE	<i>Hebrew</i>
	KATIE	<i>Mandarin</i>
	KANE	<i>Japanese</i>
	NACHO	<i>Portuguese</i>

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CHORUS	B	I listen to your hands
	A	We measure in time
	C	The great thickness of sediments
	B	The phases of the moon

SOLO	AWESTA & SOPHIE	<i>The two high tides</i>
	MEG & OLIVIA	<i>The two low tides</i>
	AWESTA, SOPHIE, MEG & OLIVIA	<i>Diurnal</i>

PAUSE - ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE • {RAISED HAND/CONE SPEAKERS WITH ANIMAL CALLS}

CHORUS	C	We recount all things
	A	by sound and sense
	B	Night into day
	C	Day into night

FULL CHORUS ALL **A three-dimensional awareness**

CHORUS	A	The beginning of history
	B	The seasons of sand
	C	The ocean without end

FULL CHORUS ALL **The story is a history without end**

CHORUS A We recount all things

SOLO ELIZABETH *We measure by speaking*

CHORUS A Counting form

SOLO KANE *The holdfast*

AWESTA *The major body*

OLIVA *The canopy*

MEG *The filter feeders*

MOLLY *The sea lettuce*

ELIZABETH *The bull kelp*

SOPHIE *A nursery*

NACHO *The red worms*

KATIE *Life moving up and down*

FULL CHORUS ALL **A three-dimensional awareness**

CHORUS B The laws of nature have
changed the mind of man

SOLO KANE *The voice of the day*

KATIE *A social act*

NACHO *One to another*

PAUSE - ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE • (RAISED HAND/CONE SPEAKERS WITH ANIMAL CALLS)

FULL CHORUS ALL **One to another**

SOLO ANN *Story of a soldier*

CHORUS C An elusive moment of freedom

A Truth exists

SOLO KANE *Not on one side or the other*

SOPHIE *But in between*

AWESTA *The truth is present*

CHORUS B Culture is made

C Take in hand

SOLO KANE *Say something*

CHORUS A Restitution

CHORUS	B	Recovery
SOLO	SOPHIE	<i>One person stands up</i>
	KATIE	<i>One person makes it possible</i>
CHORUS	C	To say something
	A	In their hearts
SOLO	KATIE	<i>It is unexpectedly daring,</i>
		<i>It is beautiful spring,</i>
		<i>It is advisably unique,</i>
	KATIE	<i>It is known to leave.</i>
	ELIZABETH	<i>It is with you. What is it?</i>
FULL CHORUS	ALL	It is my unexpectedly daring, advisably unique, beautiful spring happiness that is leaving with you
SOLO	SOPHIE	<i>Do you know my happiness?</i>
	KATIE	<i>I dare you to not advise my heart</i>
	AWESTA	<i>so with that,</i>
	KANE	<i>leave it unexpected</i>
FULL CHORUS	ALL	Then a chorus
CHORUS	A	An encounter
		Between us
	B	A voyage
	C	An elusive moment of equality
SOLO	KATIE/ KANE	<i>The sky</i>
	OLIVIA	<i>The layered earth has changed</i>
FULL CHORUS	ALL	Since the invention of the canoe
CHORUS	C	The stone ax
	B	The iron plow
	A	The three-masted ship
	B	The automobile
	C	The hamburger
	A	The television
	C	The bulldozer
	B	The chainsaw
	A	And the antibiotic
SOLO	MEG	<i>Live oak,</i>

SOLO MOLLY *timber,*
MEG/MOLLY *and other dreams.*

FULL CHORUS ALL **A limitless horizon of consumption**

PAUSE - ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE • (RAISED HAND/CONE SPEAKERS WITH ANIMAL CALLS)

SOLO ELIZABETH *In this place*

FULL CHORUS ALL **This day**

SOLO NACHO *A Sunday*

FULL CHORUS ALL **Of August, the lunar eclipse**

CHORUS B The season dry
A,C In the year 2008
A Mission San Diego

SOLO NACHO *de Alcala*

FULL CHORUS ALL **Opportunities are Everywhere**

CHORUS B City of sunshine,
C the silver gate
A In a secret desert

SOLO MEG *A Street*
OLIVIA *A Sidewalk*
KATIE *Downtown*
KANE *City*
NACHO *County*

FULL CHORUS ALL **Queen Califia**

CHORUS C The quest for gold
By an arm of the sea
A The fire and air are light

FULL CHORUS ALL **And rise**

SOLO KATIE *The earth becomes liquid*
KANE *The water becomes air*
OLIVIA *The air becomes the water*
AWESTA *The rivers appear and*
SOPHIE *Disappear*

CHORUS B The story is infinite
The animals increase
Forgetting time

FULL CHORUS ALL **This hour**

CHORUS C Santa Ana Mountains

SOLO NACHO *Coachella Valley*

CHORUS A San Jacinto Mountains

B Santa Rosa Mountains

SOLO ANN *Anza Borrego*

CHORUS A Vallencia Mountains

SOLO MEG *Mount Soledad*

AWESTA *The I-5*

CHORUS C Crosses the San Luis Rey River

B During the Miocene

SOLO KANE *300 feet under water*

FULL CHORUS ALL **The sea abounded with toothed and
bayline whales**

SOLO ELIZABETH *walrus's*

KANE *fur seals*

CHORUS A sea cows

SOLO KATIE *sirenians*

OLIVIA *rays*

CHORUS C boney fishes and white sharks

B flightless auks dove for fish

A sheerwater eagles

C three-toed horses

B and camels

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FULL CHORUS ALL **Adorned ships Distant sea Perilous
fastness Arrival**

SOLO	SOPHIE	<i>Spanish Fleet</i>
	NACHO	<i>1542</i>
FULL CHORUS	ALL	The night lowers the ocean
CHORUS	C	The ocean raises the voice
SOLO	MEG	<i>A series of new worlds</i>
	ELIZABETH	<i>In space</i>
CHORUS	B	Outside, the seas
	A	The first horizon
FULL CHORUS	ALL	The relationship of being
CHORUS	B	Magma bodies
	C	The ingredients of life
	A	Liquid water
	B	Carbon
SOLO	NACHO	<i>The protons and the neutrons</i>
	OLIVIA	<i>And the movement</i>
CHORUS	C	In the empty space
	B,C	The empty space of the atoms
	B	The shared electrons
	A	Become molecules
SOLO	KANE	<i>Molecules make material</i>
CHORUS	C	Materials make objects
SOLO	KANE	<i>A declaration</i>
FULL CHORUS	ALL	A declaration
CHORUS	C	On a mountain
	A	At the edge of town
	B	To make it possible
SOLO	AWESTA	<i>A seat for every citizen</i>
CHORUS	C	An expansive universe
	A	Something purely white

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SOLO SOPHIE *The morning to the night*
NACHO *The sky passes from red to red*

FULL CHORUS ALL **The seasons change**

CHORUS A The bodies pass
B Young to middle to old
C The earth and water are

SOLO KANE *earth's body and mind*
Granite and liquid
Up, up-forward to, walk to
Crusted sand
Crusted skin. Frontier'ed.

CHORUS A Shirts damp with thought
C Dried-the hot wind
B scolding wind carries
C across the junction

FULL CHORUS ALL **Back and forth**

CHORUS A to land
C over water

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FULL CHORUS ALL **12,000 years of Kumeyaay**

SOLO SOPHIE *a government sanctioned murder*

CHORUS B astronomers
A horticulturists
C healers
A scientists
B storytellers
A One epoch follows another
B The old woman has time to Remember
C A Hemisphere
A Planet earth
B A solar system
C Circling the sun
B In the Milky Way
A A galaxy
C In thousands upon

CHORUS | B Thousands of galaxies
 | A Grouped into clusters
 | B Clusters grouped into
 | C Superclusters

FULL CHORUS | ALL **Dark matter**

PAUSE - ONE • {RAISED HAND/CONE SPEAKERS WITH ANIMAL CALLS}

SOLO | KATIE *Species into genus*
 | OLIVIA *Domains into life*

FULL CHORUS | ALL **Fault lines**

CHORUS | C So many gestures
 | B One extends the other

FULL CHORUS | ALL **Shape these words**

CHORUS | A I will change.
 | B I will create.
 | C I will go far.

FULL CHORUS | ALL **Democracy is not**
 Completed

CHORUS | A The trench between
 | B The Farallon Plate
 | C And The North American plate

FULL CHORUS | ALL **A thickness of many thousands**

SOLO | SOPHIE *To say*
 | SOPHIE, *To the sea*
 | MEG &
 | KANE

CHORUS | A The buoyancy
 | A,B The barnacles
 | B,C The vertical tides

FULL CHORUS | ALL **The horizontal tides**

SOLO | SOPHIE, *The seaweeds*
 | MEG &
 | KANE

SOLO | SOPHIE *A series without end*

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ANN HAMILTON • LAUREL BRAITMAN • ELIZABETH YANG-HELLEWELL

NACHO CANO

MEG MONTJOY

KATIE ROETKER

KATHARINE (KANE) ROGERS

OLIVIA THEILEMANN

SOPHIE VENER

MOLLY VENER

AWESTA ZARIF

